

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Anthony John FREEMONT *et al.*  
Application No. : 10/590,508  
Filed : November 30, 2006  
For : TREATMENT OF SPINAL CONDITIONS

Examiner : Magdalene K. SGAGIAS  
Art Unit : 1632  
Docket No. : 69494-4  
Date : June 22, 2009

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2008, which is being timely filed in light of the petition for a three-month extension of time submitted herewith, please consider the following remarks.